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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, AO, PO

SUBJECT: VISIT OF ANGOLA LIBERATION LEADER NETO

1. DR. AGOSTINHO NETO, PRESIDENT, ANGOLAN PEOPLE'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT (APLM); VISITED OTTAWA APRIL 24-26. HE WAS RECEIVED BY MIDDLE-GRADE OFFICIALS IN DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, ALTHOUGH EXTAFF SECRETARY SHARP DECLINED TO MEET HIM ON GROUNDS HE NOT A GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE. HE ADDRESSED A VERY SMALL (70 PEOPLE) GATHERING APRIL 24 AT WHICH HE CLAIMED APLM CONTROLLED 30 PERCENT OF ANGOLA AND CRITICIZED CANADIAN PURCHASES OF ANGOLAN COFFEE AND PETROLEUM, WHICH HELPED FINANCE PORTUGUESE CONTROL.

2. AT EXTAFF, NETO WAS RECEIVED BY ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL AFRICAN AFFAIRS COUVRETTE AND OTHERS. OFFICIALS FOUND HIM TIRED AND DEPRESSED. HE WAS "SKEPTICAL" ABOUT INTENTIONS OF GENERAL SPINOLA TOWARDS COLONIES, SAYING THAT ANYTHING SHORT OF FULL INDEPENDENCE WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO APLM. HOWEVER, HE CONCERNED THAT SHOULD INDEPENDENCE BE GRANTED, PORTUGUESE MINORITIES MIGHT SEEK UNION

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REPORT NETO HAD NO SUGGESTIONS TO RESOLVE THIS DILEMMA.  
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